

**MEDICAL DIRECTION COMMISSION**  
**MINUTES**  
**April 20, 2007**  
**150 North 18<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Suite 540-A**  
**Phoenix, Arizona**

**Members Present:**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman  
Michael Ward  
Jeff Daniel  
John Gallagher  
Frank Walter

**Members Absent:**

Wendy Ann Lucid  
Harvey Meislin  
Carrie Walters  
John H. Raife  
Daniel Spaite

**EX-OFFICIO MEMBER**

Janine Anderson

**ADHS Staff**

Terry Mullins  
Vicki Conditt  
Sarah Harpring  
Traci Alexander

**By Teleconference:**

Philip Richemont, M.D.  
Thomas L. Wachtel, M.D.

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Ben Bobrow, Chairman, called the regular meeting of the Medical Direction Commission to order at 9:10 a.m. A quorum was present. A moment of silence was called for the Virginia Tech shootings. Memorial service will be at the Capitol today.

**II. DISCUSSION AND ACTION ON JANUARY 19, 2007 MINUTES**

Dr. Bobrow asked for motion to approve revised minutes. Motion made by John Gallagher and seconded by Frank Walter for approval of January 19, 2007 minutes. **Motion Carried.**

**III. REPORT FROM THE BUREAU CHIEF:**

1. Terry Mullins, Bureau Chief, gave a current progress report in regards to computer-based testing for EMTs:
  - EMT-B pass rate at national level 73%;
  - State of Arizona EMT-B 72.8% pass rate;
  - EMT-P national pass rate 68%;
  - State of Arizona EMT-P 77.1% pass rate.
  - State of Arizona EMT-I have 100% pass rate.
  - Flagstaff testing site operational.
  - There will be three new sites within 30 days in Bullhead City, Lake Havasu and Kingman Thank Mojave Community College for support.
2. Vicki Conditt reported the American College of Surgeon Trauma System Consultation will be held June 26 through June 29; June 27 will be question and answer session. Consultation visit will be held at the Phoenix Wyndham Hotel, downtown on 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Adams. Out-of-towners will be reimbursed for rooms. All invited to attend. RSVP Valerie Hill.
3. Rule Writing Update – Terry Mullins reports revision and rule creation will begin and complete over the next year and a half dealing with:

- EMS data collection;
- Writing rules for medical director certifications;
- Emergency medical dispatcher training;
- Revise rules dealing with alternate destination transport options for ambulance providers and treatment and triage protocols. Sarah Harpring will be responsible for this process and needs input from stakeholders.

#### IV. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

MDC members update - Ben Bobrow, Chairman, announces all committee members expired. Terry Mullins would like everyone to complete applications with attached resumes so they can be submitted together at one time to prevent anything from being lost; teleconferenced members and those absent will be sent applications.

#### V. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION ITEMS:**

##### A. **Discussion on Proposed Rulemaking and Guidance Documents for EMT-B Use of An Esophageal Tracheal Double Lumen Airway Device (Combitube)**

Sarah Harpring reported on the Curriculum for EMT-B use of ETDLAD apparatus is intended by Education Subcommittee to replace current guidance document, R925-511.

There are also changes in the curriculum:

- 1) Instructor qualifications to be adopted as new rule;
- 2) EMT Training Rule creating R925-513; 80% competency for practical skills evaluation would have to be put in R925-511 to enforce.

Motion made by Janine Anderson to accept curriculum as written and in the agenda packet. Frank Walter seconded. **Motion carried.**

##### B. **Laryngeal Mask Airway**

- Terry Mullins reports Education Subcommittee is developing a Guidance Document for the use of LMAs.
- The Bureau confirmed with DOT that the use of LMAs is outside of the current curriculum, but that efforts are underway to revise the national curriculum, and LMAs will be included.
- Janine Anderson states Education Subcommittee is attempting to clean up things that have been approved as training curriculum or had been lost in process.
- LMA Curriculum had been written and approved by council but not distributed throughout the State of Arizona; will be resubmitted at Education Committee meeting and added to Medical Direction Commission agenda to approve the device and to Emergency Medical Services Council as an information item.
- Terry Mullins, Brian Smith and Janine Anderson will devise a draft that will survey evaluating the use of the LMA and other tools/techniques. Survey will be distributed to ambulance (ground and air) and providers to compile results and share with MDC.

##### C. **Cardiac Arrest Center Model**

Dr. Bobrow presented a presentation of an analysis of statewide cardiac arrest data. Main idea: To improve survival using in-hospital therapies for cardiac arrest including:

- Therapeutic hypothermia;
  - Early percutaneous intervention;
  - Standardized pressure support;
  - Standardized ventilation support;
  - Close glucose Control;

- Standardized outcome measurement;
- CQI program.

Proposal: Form workgroup consisting of: 1) Community ED and hospital stakeholders; 2) Scientific experts; 3) EMS stakeholders. Goal: Design the criteria/data collection for Cardiac Arrest Centers; 4) Report back to EMS. Mark Venuti made a motion to accept; seconded by Dr. Gallagher.

**Motion carried.**

**VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS/RECOMMENDATIONS**

**A. Protocols, Medications, and Devices Committee Report** – John Gallagher states no meeting due to lack of agenda items. Next meeting agenda will be posted May 17, 2007.

**VII. NEW BUSINESS**

**Education Subcommittee**

Janine Anderson, Chair of the Education Subcommittee, states the subcommittee is trying to target efforts into the development of curricula for treatments and procedures that are performed out in the field. Among these are the – LMA, Easy IO, Auto Vent and CPAP Curricula that will be reviewed at next meeting. This will be followed up to make sure all procedures fall into scope of practice according to DOT Curriculum. Several open agenda items:

**A. Discussion and Action on Education Subcommittee Recommendations:**

1. Draft Rule pertaining to training programs securing written final exams at all levels of EMT Training – discussion and action taken to oppose the rule as written.
2. Establishment of a Chair for the work group to recommend requirements for on-line EMT education and definition of a “contact hour” – chair Jerry Stein. Please forward any other agenda items to Janine Anderson or the Bureau.

**VIII. CALL TO THE PUBLIC**

No Call to the Public.

**IX. SUMMARY OF CURRENT EVENTS**

No Summary of Current Events.

**X. ANNOUNCEMENT NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Medical Direction Committee will be held September 21, 2007.

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 9:50 a.m.